

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0285

Title: Fifty percent of punitive damage awards to state for court funding

Primary Sponsor: Wheat, M

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2004 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2005 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Revenue:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact	<input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns
<input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. SB 285 would likely generate revenue that would be deposited in the general fund for use in the Crime Victims Program that is administered by the Department of Justice. The Department has no way to estimate the dollar amount of punitive damages awarded by juries in Montana.
2. There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Public Health and Human Services, the Department of Revenue, or the Judicial Branch.